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Docket No.: 42390P6189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JIE NI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/124,642

Filed: July 29, 1998

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SYNCHRONIZING A NETWORK LINK**

Art Group: 2634

Examiner: Ghayour, M.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

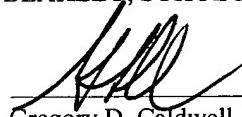
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 15, 2003, from the filing of the Notice of Appeal dated October 15, 2002. The petition filing fee of \$930.00 and a Appeal Brief in triplicate are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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